

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 4-7, 12-17 and 20 are pending, with Claims 2, 8-11 and 19 cancelled by the present amendment.

In the Official Action, Claims 9-10 were objected to; Claims 2, 8-11 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Molnar et al. (U.S. Patent 6,694,154, hereinafter Molnar); and Claims 4-7, 12-17 and 20 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

The specification is amended to correct a translation error. No new matter is added.

In view of the cancellation of Claims 2, 8-11 and 19, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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